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SUBJ: OEXC: FY 75 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: PARTIAL GRANT  
REQUEST

1. DR. JULIO PRADO VALLEJO, ECUADOREAN COLUMNIST AND POLITICAL COMMENTATOR, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND DIRECTOR OF QUITO CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCES, WILL BE LEAVING QUITO SEPTEMBER 1 FOR SIX WEEK TOUR OF THE SOVIET UNION, GERMANY AND FRANCE. IN SOVIET UNION AND GERMANY HE WILL BE AN OFFICIAL GUEST, PRADO WILL BE RETURNING TO QUITO VIA NEW YORK CITY ON OCTOBER 12 (REGRETTABLY A SATURDAY AND FIRST DAY OF A THREE-DAY WEEKEND) AND HAS INDICATED TO EMBOFF THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

2. IN ADDITION TO BEING AN INFLUENTIAL COLUMNIST, PRADO IS CLOSE PERSONALLY TO PRESENT GOE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WIDELY RESPECTED IN CIVILIAN POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE. PRADO'S COLUMNS DEAL WITH A WIDE SPECTRUM OF ISSUES RANGING FROM INTERNAL PLITICAL AFFAIRS TO OAS MATTERS AND POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH CUBA. HE HAS ALSO INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO WRITE ON NARCOTICS INTERDICTION MATTERS WHEN HE HAS HAD TIME TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE FACTS. FINALLY, EMBASSY DOES NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF PRADO'S RETURN TO POSITION OF MINISTERIAL LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN GOE AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE, ALTHOUGH  
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PROBABLY NOT UNDER THIS MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

3. FOR FOREGOING REASONS, EMBASSY BELIEVES PRADO TO BE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR PARTIAL LEADER GRANT COVERING LIVING EXPENSES FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS EACH IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON EN ROUTE BACK TO QUITO. IN ADDITION TO VISITING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN NEW YORK (IF, HOPEFULLY, SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES CAN BE ARRANGED DURING A HOLIDAY WEEKEND), WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT HE BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH KEY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS AND BE DEBRIEFED ON SOVIET TRIP. AMONG THE OFFICIALS WE WOULD RECOMMEND RECEIVE PRADO, ARE AMBASSADOR VANCE AND DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAM. PERHAPS A SOCIAL FUNCTION COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED HOSTED BY APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL.

4. FOLLOWING ARE BROAD OUTLINES OF SCHEDULE WE WOULD PROPOSE FOR PRADO. WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS TO ENSURE THAT PRADO IS KEPT FULLY OCCUPIED.

OCTOBER 12 ARRIVE NEW YORK

OCTOBER 13 REST AND SIGHTSEEING

OCTOBER 14 VISIT TO COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY WITH EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. DEPART FOR WASHINGTON.

OCTOBER 15 MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR VANCE, DEPUTY ASST SECY SHLAUDEMAM AND OTHER ARA, SNM AND CU OFFICIALS.

SOCIAL EVENT, POSSIBLY LUNCH HOSTED IN DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 16 DEBRIEFING ON SOVIET TRIP. VISIT TO OR PERHAPS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT BEFORE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION (EG. AT GEORGETOWN).

OCTOBER 17 DEPART FOR QUITO

5. WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO FOREGOING PROPOSAL AND, IF REACTION IS POSITIVE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A DETAILED, DAY BY DAY, SCHEDULE PROPOSAL WHICH WE COULD PRESENT TO PRADO BEFORE HIS SEPTEMBER 1 DEPARTURE FROM QUITO, THAT IS TO SAY BY COB FRIDAY AUGUST 30. IF FOR SOME REASON A DETAILED PROGRAM CANNOT BE FORMULATED BY THAT TIME, PRADO INFORMS US THAT HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE ECUADOREAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY IN PARIS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17 AND SEPTEMBER 27.

6. PRADO HAS VISA CLEARANCE.

7. ALTHOUGH PRADO SPEAKS AND UNDERSTANDS SOME ENGLISH, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT AN INTERPRETER BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST HIM JUST IN CASE IT SHOULD PROVE NECESSARY.

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